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SUBJECT: KOREAN ITEM IN 28 TH UNGA

BEGIN SUMMARY: MOFA OFFICIAL DOES NOT EXPECT TO DISCUSS ALTERNATIVE POSITIONS FOR KOREAN QUESTION IN UN WITH US BEFORE JUNE AND DOES NOT SEE ANY NEED TO TAKE ISSUE UP AT THIS TIME IN SOUTH- NORTH DIALOGUE. ROK MISSIONS WILL BE TRAVELLING IN LATIN AMERICA AND AFRICA SHORTLY ON BEHALF KOREAN QUESTION IN UN. END SUMMARY.

1. REPLYING TO QUERY ABOUT ROKG GENERAL TIMETABLE WITH RESPECT KOREAN QUESTION BETWEEN NOW AND OPENING OF UNGA, MOFA INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS BUREAU DIRECTOR HAN HAS TOLD US HE THOUGHT ROKG MIGHT HAVE SOME ALTERNATIVES TO EXPLORE WITH US ABOUT JUNE. HIS ONLY REPLY TO OUR OBSERVATION THAT WE ARE AVAILABLE IF ROKG WISHES TO EXPLORE IDEAS SOONER WAS TO SAY THAT MOFA TOO IS AVAILABLE IF US WISHES TO MAKE PROPOSALS BEFORE JUNE. WE REPLIED THAT WE THOUGHT IT IMPORTANT FOR ROKG TO GIVE SOME NOTION OF WHAT IT BELIEVES WOULD BE FEASIBLE AND ACCEPTABLE TO ROKG. HAN DID NOT PURSUE.

2. HAN SAID RATHER VAGUELY THAT THERE IS NO NEED TO TAKE UP KOREAN QUESTION WITH NORTH IN SOUTH- NORTH DIALOGUE AT THIS TIME. THAT COULD BE DONE LATER IF IT BECOMES EVIDENT
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THAT UN INVITATION TO NORTH KOREA THIS YEAR IS INEVITABLE.

3. HAN SAID ROK MISSIONS, ONE OF WHICH HE WILL JOIN,
WILL BE TRAVELLING TO LATIN AMERICA AND AFRICA IN MARCH
AND APRIL ON BEHALF KOREAN QUESTION. DETAILS THESE
MISSIONS WILL BE REPORTED TO DEPT AND POSTS CONCERNED
WHEN AVAILABLE.
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